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which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 06/909,020, filed September 18, 1986
(abandoned).

In the Claims:

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Please cancel claims 1-25.

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Please add the following new claim:

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26. (New) In an immunoassay device having a housing with at least one opening
therethrough for introduction of a liquid sample into the housing and at least one immunological
reagent in dried form in said housing, the improvement comprising:

a desiccant material in said housing, wherein said desiccant is capable of retarding
deterioration of said reagent.

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Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and
claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to
show changes made".